GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Labour, Factories, Boilers & Insurance Medical Services Department –Department of Factories - Industrial Accidents -Empanelment of Expert Third party Safety Auditors for conducting Safety Audits in factories involving Hazardous Chemicals– Orders - Issued.

LABOUR FACTORIES BOILERS & INSURANCE MEDICAL SERVICES (Labour-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 357 Dated: 03-12-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.487, LFB & IMS (Lab.II) Department, dt.18.08.2020.
2. From the Director of Factories, A.P, Vijayawada, Lr.No.LAE05-14024/ 17/2020-A SEC –DOF,Dt.14.11.2025.

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ORDER :-

In the letter 2nd read above, the Director of Factories, A.P, Vijayawada has stated that Govt., vide G.O. 1st read above, has issued orders permitting the Director of Factories, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, to take necessary steps for conducting third-party safety audits in factories where hazardous chemicals are involved, as defined in Column (2) of Schedule 3 of the MSIHC Rules, even if the quantities handled are below the threshold limits. The Director of Factories was further instructed to take necessary action for implementation of such third-party safety audits.

2. In pursuant to the above instructions, the Director of Factories has issued guidelines to the Occupiers/Managers of the identified factories to conduct third-party safety audits in a phased manner from 2021 onwards. Further directions were issued by the Director of Factories to conduct third-party safety audits in 311 listed factories handling hazardous chemicals below the MSIHC threshold limits under Rule 12-B of the A.P. Factories Rules, 1950.

3. The Director of Factories has stated that as per existing instructions, factory managements currently select the safety auditor based on the qualification and experience criteria prescribed in the guidelines and submit the audit reports accordingly. Several concerns have been raised about the competence of some of the third-party safety auditors and quality of their audit reports produced. Since there is no formal mechanism to assess and certify the competency of these auditors, it has become necessary to establish a formal empanelment system.

4. The Director of Factories, A.P, Vijayawada has submitted the proposal for Empanelment of Third – Party Safety Auditors in an Annexure enclosed to the letter 2nd read above and requested to approve the proposal and issue necessary orders in the matter.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby approve the proposal of the Director of Factories, A.P, Vijayawada for Empanelment of Expert Third party Safety Auditors for conducting Safety Audits in factories involving Hazardous Chemicals.

6. The Director of Factories. AP, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.V. SESHAGIRI BABU
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Factories, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER